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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR §1.53(b)(1) is a **continuation** of prior Application No. 09/345,123, filed July 6, 1999.

Applicant (or identifier): MICHELS ET AL.

Title: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR PROLONGING THE USEFUL
LIFE OF ENTERAL FEEDING TUBES

Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Specification (Including Claims and Abstract) - 17 pages
 2. ☐ Drawings - sheets
 3. ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney
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 - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (signed or with indication that original was signed)
 - i. ☐ Deletion of Inventors
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application
 4. ☒ Incorporation By Reference
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
 5. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (appendix)
 6. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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 - ☐ Statement Verifying Identity of Above Copies
 7. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
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 9. ☐ English Translation of
 10. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
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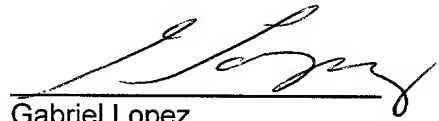
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